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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS OF

LANGDON, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

BELLOWS FALLS:
TIMES STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTING HOUSE,
1879.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Value of real estate taxed,	$186,604 00
106 polls,	10,600 00
174 horses,	10,810 00
465 cattle,	14,557 00
1234 sheep,	3,510 00
24 hogs,	133 00
Stock in banks,	8,100 00
" public funds,	4,000 00
Money on hand,	15,150 00
Stock in trade,	876 00
3 mills,	1,800 00
13 carriages,	1,062 00
36 dogs,	37 00
Total,	$257,239 00

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$648 00
County tax,	721 28
Town tax,	320 29
School tax,	771 64
Highway paid in labor,	444 36
	$2,905 57

Report of Town Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1st, 1878,	$431 42
Savings bank tax,	560 34
Literary fund,	26 64
Taxes, 1874,	25 67
Taxes, 1876–7,	254 12
Taxes, 1878,	1900 00
School money overdrawn in 1877,	15 00
County of Sullivan for support of paupers,	33 20
Apples in the pound,	1 00
Interest on taxes, 1874,	3 01
Total,	$3,250 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid state tax,	$648 00
county tax,	721 28
orders,	1577 53
Total,	$2,946 81
Cash in treasury March 1st, 1879,	303 59
	$3,250 40

JOHN CURRIER, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that I have examined the account of the treasurer of the town of Langdon, for the year ending March 1, 1879, and believe it to be in every respect correct.

ROSWELL HUNTOON, *Auditor.*

EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. A. Holden, Selectmen for 1877,	$49 50
L. F. Parker, Selectmen for 1877,	22 00
I. P. Smith, Selectmen for 1877,	19 50
S. L. Slader, town clerk,	19 96
John Currier, town treasurer,	25 00
Mary S. Prentiss, superintendent of schools,	25 00
Total,	$160 96

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, W. B. Dow,	$ 37 25
" " 2, Charles Winch,	1 00
" " " J. S. Walker,	145 00
" " 3, Samuel King,	144 44
" " 4, H. M. Elwell,	174 44
" " 5, D. P. Davis,	126 44
" " 6, M. S. Buxton,	126 44
S. G. Baldwin, share paid Charlestown,	9 75
Burge & Angier, share paid Alstead,	11 20
Total,	$775 96

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

E. M. King, snowing bridge,	$3 00
H. V. Bragg, snowing bridge and work on road,	5 35
O. P. Cross, snow bill,	2 25
J. B. Russell, snow bill,	5 10
C. A. Holden, " "	4 57
Noah Allen, " "	50
Martin Bascom, snow bill,	2 40
C. P. Smith, " "	2 85
I. P. Smith, " " and work on road,	4 23

Wm. Kirkpatrick, snow bill,	2 30
Roswell Huntoon, " "	50
R. A. Lucas, " "	2 87
Henry Wiley, " "	1 62
Geo. R. Holden, " "	12 84
F. H. Bundy, " "	3 21
E. W. Holden, " "	6 73
J. W. Holden, " "	8 38
C. A. Holden, " " Baldwin road,	1 00
S. G. Anderson, plank for bridge,	5 35
C. A. Holden, work on bridge by W. J. Holden,	6 25
Charles Winch, railing on Cold River road,	92 89
Samuel King, repairing bridge,	21 76
W. A. Bidwell, timber for sluice,	1 05
Chas. Winch, work on bank wall by Cold River,	3 55
H. M. Elwell, railing by Wiley bridge,	1 00
Total,	$201 55

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing Reports 1877 and 1878,	$21 00
B. Lovell, counsel 1874, 1876 and 1877,	8 25
E. L. Cushing,	2 00
Fred Ramsey, sweeping town hall,	50
E. S. Robbins, repairing road scraper,	2 50
Morrill & Silsby, Books and stationery,	4 02
Dr. S. T. Smith, recording deaths and births,	1 25
G. W. Ramsey, broom for town hall,	25
B. Porter, damage to sheep by dogs,	25 00
H. V. Bragg, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
Wm. Kirkpatrick, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 18
Henry Wiley, taking affidavits,	1 50
Henry Wiley, balance tax book,	36 91
John Currier, care of cemetery,	4 00
John Currier, housing and repair of scrapers,	2 75
John Currier, care of hearse,	2 00
John Currier, tolling bell,	3 00

Samuel King, new bier,	1 00
Edmund Holden, balance tax book,	25 67
Chas Winch, window springs and door bolt for town hall,	37
H. M. Elwell, watering trough,	3 00
Total,	$155 15

PAUPERS.

Ira Holmes, support of A. Holmes,	$ 60 00
B. Fisher, moving Mansfield family,	25 00
C. K. Vilas, medicine for Mansfield family,	2 95
Dr. S. T. Smith, medical attendance, Mansfield family,	5 25
Town of Claremont, support of Geo. Davis, Esq., and family,	169 04
E. Bidwell, keeping tramps,	4 12
C. A. Holden, cash paid out on account of paupers,	5 75
Total,	$272 11

BOUNTIES.

Roswell Huntoon,	bounty on	12 foxes,	$6 00
C. D. Macomber,	"	2 "	1 00
Fred Royce,	"	5 hawks,	1 00
Edgar Whitney,	"	4 "	80
Herbert Holmes,	"	2 "	40
James Bascom,	"	1 "	20
Geo. Fleming,	"	3 "	60
F. A. Wier,	"	2 "	40
Fred Macomber,	"	5 "	1 00
Allen Knights,	"	1 "	20
Ira Russell,	"	1 "	20
Total,			$11 80

RECAPITULATION.

Town officers,	$160 96
Schools,	775 96
Highways and bridges,	201 55
Miscellaneous,	155 15
Paupers,	272 11
Bounty,	11 80
State tax,	648 00
County tax,	721 28
Total,	$2,946 81

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1879,	$303 59
Taxes of 1877 uncollected,	14 07
Taxes of 1878 uncollected,	561 21
Total,	$878 87

INDEBTEDNESS.

School money due District No. 1,	$12 24
School money due district No. 2,	33 64
Outstanding accounts estimated,	150 00
Total,	$195 88
Balance in favor of town,	$682 99

CHAS. A. HOLDEN,
HENRY M. ELWELL,
CHARLES WINCH, } *Selectmen of Langdon.*

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen of the town of Langdon, for the year ending March 1, 1879, and find them to be correctly cast.

ROSWELL HUNTOON, *Auditor.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

The superintending school committee submits the following report to the citizens of Langdon :

DISTRICT No. 1.—The school house in this district is unfit to be occupied, and the school which is very small and consists mostly of the children of Mr. Wm. B. Dow, was kept in his house, the summer term by Mrs. Almina P. Dow, the fall term by Miss Loisie E. L. Alden. Good work was done by both teachers. The scholars were obedient and industrious, and made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 2.—The summer term was taught by Miss Belle H. Marvin. The school was in good order, in good spirits and apparently made good progress. The fall term was taught by Miss Alice M. Smith. At its close the pupils did not present quite their former good appearance. They were less orderly, less courteous, less studious and consequently showed less improvement. The winter term was taught by Miss Loisie E. L. Alden, who found the school rather hard to govern and not very pleasant. At the closing examination, however, the pupils seemed obedient and respectful and showed fair progress in their studies. Still, on the whole, the year has not been a very good one to this school.

DISTRICT No. 3.—This district has had two terms of school, both taught by Miss Jennie L. Bacon, who also taught it one term last year. Judging from previous reports of the school, she has accomplished an excellent work in it. She has had to spend

much time and strength in bringing the pupils up to good habits of study, but has succeeded to a good degree. Every exercise to which I listened shewed marks of careful preparation by both teacher and pupils. The frequent written exercises prepared to illustrate recitations, form an excellent feature of their work.

DISTRICT No. 4.—The summer term, taught by Miss Leola A. Holden, passed quietly and without trouble, still, it was not quite as profitable as could be desired, though perhaps as much so as could be expected. Miss H. was young, inexperienced and had been a pupil in the district up to the time of beginning her school. The fall term was taught by Miss Hittie R. Lang, who was also young and inexperienced but seemed otherwise qualified. She tried hard to interest the scholars, still they did not do very thorough work. The winter school was begun by Mr. George Winch who had never taught before. The school numbered only seven. Two of the oldest girls were prejudiced against him at the beginning, and accordingly proceeded to such conduct and the use of such language and the exertion of such an influence over the others, as few teachers, whatever their qualifications, could overrule. Mr. Winch proved unequal to the task, and the school closed at the end of five weeks. This district had more money appropriated to it than any other in town, but has made less real progress than any other.

DISTRICT No. 5.—This district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Juliette A. Osgood both terms. This is her second year in the school. She is untiring in her work and the pupils have made good progress. The parents, many of them, seem interested in the school, and have shown their zeal by subscribing $5.00 in addition to the sum allowed by law for such improvements, for buying a set of maps.

DISTRICT No. 6.—This school was taught throughout the year by Miss Agnes J. Graves, who also taught it a part of last year. Miss G. is well qualified by education and experience for her work; the pupils are unusually docile and the results of their work are excellent, the older ones having reached the higher branches. This school deserves special notice for the interest which the parents show in it, and for the air of refinement which pervades it. Miss G. says she has had to spend neither time nor strength in

exacting obedience or in holding the pupils to the work. This habit of obedience and this refinement of feeling will be of more value to them as citizens in the future than all the knowledge of books which they can acquire.

In closing this account of our schools, I would say that the pupils of every district in town except No. 6, may be criticized for a certain coarseness or roughness of manner towards each other, at recess and about the school house and sometimes even in the school room. Perhaps teachers should give more attention to this. Parents certainly can do much for them, but nothing would improve the schools so much as a change in this direction.

Also, that if those who are the prudential committee next year, will look over these reports, they will notice that those districts which have procured well qualified and experienced teachers and kept the same ones continuously, although the wages must be higher and the terms shorter, have had good schools, while those which have had young and inexperienced ones have been less successful. Many of the young candidates for teachers have not years enough or education enough, to fit them for the work, and the difficulty is that there are not enough good teachers to supply the schools. Still if the people will demand better ones and insist upon it there will be better ones.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. PRENTISS,

Superintendent of Schools.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. OF DISTRICT,	TERMS.	Length of School in weeks	Whole No. of Scholars,	Average attendance of S.	" " other citizens,	No. of visits by Prud'l Com. " " S. S.	Wages of Teachers per month including board,
1	Summer,	7	4	$3\frac{6}{7}$	2	2 1	$16 00
	Fall,	9	5	$4\frac{1}{4}$	3	2 1	17 00
2	Summer,	8	6	$3\frac{6}{29}$		2 0	20 00
	Fall,	8	5	$4\frac{7}{8}$	10	2 0	20 00
	Winter,	10	8	$7\frac{4}{33}$	17	2 0	20 00
3	Summer,	8	10	$9\frac{1}{4}$	10	2 0	24 00
	Winter,	14	14	11.7	5	2 0	24 00
4	Summer,	10	7	$6\frac{65}{77}$	12	4 0	20 00
	Fall,	9	8	$7\frac{2}{9}$	4	4 0	22 00
	Winter,	5	7	$4\frac{4}{15}$	0	2 0	26 00
5	Summer,	9	13	$11\frac{37}{88}$	7	2 0	20 88
	Winter,	10	16	12.69	8	2 0	31 00
6	Summer,	9	8	$7\frac{44}{45}$	24	2 1	26 00
	Fall,	9	8	$7\frac{44}{45}$	25	2 1	26 00

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